

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Forbes Jones et al. :  
Group Art Unit 1742 : Title:  
Serial No. 10/656,918 : COBALT-NICKEL-CHROMIUM-  
Filed September 5, 2003 : REDUCED LEVELS OF TITANIUM  
Examiner J. Roe : NITRIDE INCLUSIONS  
Confirmation No. 8375

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office Action (the "Office Action") issued in the above-referenced patent application (the "Subject Application"), Applicants submit the following claim amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6.